(c) whether Government are aware that abnormal delay in selection of candidates and processing of applications takes place, because of which eligible candidates are losing their opportunity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) For CSIR scientists selections are made on the basis of recommendatons of the Departmental Selection Committee which meets periodically. Proposals received in between the meetings are decided on the basis of the recommendations of the Directors in the context of the guidelines to avoid delay. Some non CSIR scientists are also granted foreign travel grant on the recommendations of a Standing Committee.

(c) No, Sir, no such case has so far been reported.

Development of Jyoti Chitraban as Regional Film Centre

2777. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of North Eastern Council for developing Jyoti Chitraban (Film Studio) Society, Guwahati as a Regional film Centre; and

(b) if so, by when it may be taken up for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The project is at the stage of formulation.

Recovery of Fire Loss in Central Ordnance Depot, Kanpur

2778. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fire loss in Central Ordnance Depot, Kanpur in May, 1986 has been estimated at Rs. 2 crores worth of stores by the investigating committee appointed by Government;

(b) whether the Committee has held the officers of the Depot, including the Commandant responsible for the loss; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that no action has been taken so far to recover losses from the officers named by the said Committee;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what further action is proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir. The loss has been estimated at Rs. 1.73 crores.

(b) Yes, Sir. Six persons have been held responsible for the loss comprising 3 Service Officers, 1 Junior Commissioned Officer and 2 Civilian Officers.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. Penal recovery of a portion of the loss due to the fire has already been ordered. Besides, disciplinary proceedings against all the six persons held responsible for the loss was initiated. Administrative action against the Commandant of the Depot has since been taken.

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2779 SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the names of those persons who had sac-